

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket Nos. CP96-178-009, CP97-238-009 and RP99-90-001]

**Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline, L.L.C.; Notice of Initial FERC Gas Tariff and Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff**

March 12, 1999.

Take notice that on March 8, 1999, Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline, L.L.C. (Maritimes) filed in Docket Nos. CP96-178-009 and CP97-238-009, to place into effect its FERC Gas Tariff, (Original Volume No. 1, Cover Sheet and Original Sheet Nos. 1 through 500), on March 10, 1999. Maritimes had previously filed on September 1, 1998, in Docket Nos. CP96-178-007 and CP97-238-007, to place into effect its FERC Gas Tariff on November 1, 1998, but that filing was suspended at Maritimes's request by letters dated October 22, 1998 and December 19, 1998. The March 8, 1999 filing now supersedes the September 1, 1998 filing.

Also take notice that on March 8, 1999, Maritimes filed in Docket No. RP99-90-001 to place into effect certain revised tariff sheets in compliance with Order Nos. 587-H.<sup>1</sup> Maritimes had previously filed on October 15, 1998, in Docket No. RP99-90-000, to place these revised sheets into effect its FERC Gas Tariff in effect on November 2, 1998, but that filing was suspended at Maritimes's request by letters dated October 22, 1998 and December 18, 1998. The March 8, 1999 filing now supersedes the October 15, 1998 filing.

Maritimes says that it proposes to place its complete FERC Gas Tariff, Original Volume No. 1 into effect on March 10, 1999, because the newly constructed facilities certificated by the Commission in Docket No. CP97-238, *et al.* will be available for its Phase I service, as certificated by the Commission in Docket No. CP96-178, *et al.*, on that date. The tariff will allow Maritimes to provide firm or interruptible transportation services to any potential customers desiring such service.<sup>2</sup>

Complete copies of Maritimes's previous filings were mailed to potential customers and interested state commissions and copies of actual tariff sheets will be made available to others

by Maritimes upon request. Further complete copies of this filing and Maritimes's previous filings are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

Any person desiring to protest this filing should file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed as provided in Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make Protestants parties to the proceeding. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (please call (202) 208-2222 for assistance).

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. RP99-44-003]

**Petal Gas Storage Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff**

March 12, 1999.

Take notice that on March 8, 1999, Petal Gas Storage Company (Petal) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, Third Revised Sheet No. 115 and Second Revised Sheet No. 115A, with a proposed effective date of November 2, 1998.

Petal states that its filing is made in compliance with the directives of a February 19, 1999, Letter Order, as well as with Order No. 587-H, issued on July 15, 1998, in Docket No. RM96-1-008, requiring interstate pipelines to incorporate the most recent standards dealing with intra-day nominations and nomination and scheduling procedures promulgated by the Gas Industry Standards Board.

Petal states that Third Revised Sheet No. 115 has been revised to incorporate the GISB prescribed intraday nomination opportunities into the more liberal nomination provisions of Petal's tariff. Petal also indicates that Second Revised Sheet No. 115A has been revised to include the full GISB standard 1.3.2(iv), including its "no bump after 5:00 p.m. rule."

Any person desiring to protest this filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed as provided in Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. CP99-240-000]

**Reliant Energy Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization**

March 12, 1999.

Take notice that on March 5, 1999, Reliant Energy Gas Transmission Company (Reliant), formerly NorAm Gas Transmission Company,<sup>1</sup> 1111 Louisiana Street, Houston, Texas 77002-5231, filed in Docket No. CP99-240-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205, 157.211 and 157.216 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.211 and 157.216) for authorization to construct, and operate certain facilities in Arkansas and to abandon the existing facilities. Reliant makes such request under its blanket certificate issued in Docket Nos. CP82-384-000 and CP82-384-001 pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request on file with the Commission. The filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Reliant proposes to abandon an existing 2-inch delivery tap and 2-inch positive displacement meter station on its Line JM-20, and to construct and

<sup>1</sup> Final Rule Adopting Standards for Intra-day Nominations and Order Establishing Implementation Date, issued on July 15, 1998, in Docket No. RM96-1-008.

<sup>2</sup> July 31, 1997, Order, 80 FERC 61,136 (1997), September 24, 1997, Order, 80 FERC 61,346 (1997), and July 31, 1998, Order, 84 FERC 61,130 (1998).

<sup>1</sup> Effective February 2, 1999, as part of a corporate name change, NorAm Gas Transmission Company changed its name to Reliant Energy Gas Transmission Company.